

441—182.3(234) Eligibility for services. Effective October 1, 2007, new referrals for family-centered services shall be evaluated, processed, and served under 441—Chapter 172. No new applications or referrals shall be accepted for services under 441—Chapter 182.

182.3(1) Transition. The following procedures apply to children and families from the Council Bluffs service area who are approved to receive family-centered services as described in this chapter before January 1, 2008, and who require services after January 1, 2008:

a. The department shall make every effort to transition each case to family-centered safety plan services or family safety, risk, and permanency services as described in 441—Chapter 172.

b. If the case cannot be transferred to a contractor for services under 441—Chapter 172 by January 1, 2008, the department worker may request continued authorization of services under 441—Chapter 182 for a limited period until the case can be transferred.

c. The department worker may also request continued authorization of services under 441—Chapter 182 if:

(1) The child and family are receiving services from a provider that will not be a contractor or subcontractor for services under 441—Chapter 172;

(2) The child and family have a strong and positive relationship with that provider; and

(3) The department worker expects that the child's and family's need for services will end by March 31, 2008.

d. Services that may be continued include supervision, parental counseling and education, community resource procurement, and family team meeting facilitation only.

e. The service area manager or the manager's designee must authorize any continued services by January 1, 2008. The authorization period shall not extend beyond March 31, 2008.

f. Any continued need for family-centered services after March 31, 2008, shall be assessed and served in accordance with the procedures in 441—Chapter 172.

182.3(2) Need for service. The department has approved the child's and family's need for service in accordance with rule 441—182.4(234).

182.3(3) Income. Children may be eligible for service components of the family-centered services program without regard to income and at no cost to themselves when other eligibility requirements are met.

182.3(4) Limits on eligibility.

a. Children placed in a psychiatric medical institution for children are not eligible for family-centered services.

b. Children placed in either emergency shelter care or foster group care are not eligible for family-centered supervision services. The shelter care or group care setting is responsible for meeting the supervision needs of these children.

c. The amount and duration of services to children placed in emergency shelter care are limited as follows:

(1) Children in shelter care may receive a maximum of 20 service units of parental counseling and education services for purposes of family reunification.

(2) The maximum length of time that parental counseling and education services may be provided to a child placed in shelter care is 30 days from the start date of these services, without regard to the length of the child's shelter care stay.